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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment to the claims, filed on May 15, 2008, is acknowledged. Entry of amendment is partially accepted and made of record. Currently, claims 1 – 2 and 4 – 7 and 9 are pending in light of the amendment, in which: claims 1 – 2, 4 – 7 and 9 were amended; claims 3 and 8 were cancelled; no claim was withdrawn; and no claim was added. Partially accepted entry is claims 1 – 2, 4 and 6. Claims 5 – 7 and 9 are declined for entry.

Applicant has amended claims 5 – 7 and 9 to recite new limitations (e.g., "contiguous"). The amended claim requires further consideration and/or searching. Therefore, the aforementioned non-entry amended claims filed after a Final Rejection Office Action have not been entered. See MPEP § 714.13(II).

Applicant's amendment to the specification, filed on May 15, 2008, is acknowledged. Entry of amendment is accepted and made of record.

Response to Arguments/Remarks

Applicant's response filed on May 15, 2008 is acknowledged and is answered as follows.

Applicant's remarks, see pg. 8, with respect to the drawing showing underlayer has been considered. Therefore, the objection to the drawing with the underlayer has been rendered moot.

Applicant's remarks, see pg. 8, with respect to the drawing for fig. 1 legend has been considered and persuasive. Therefore, the objection to the drawing has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments, see pgs. 10 – 13. The Examiner does not intend to acquiesce to Applicant's filed arguments since they touch on the merits (e.g., the limitation "contiguous") of the amended claims 5 – 7 and 9, for which were not entered of record.

Furthermore, applicant's arguments argued that claim 1's function related to the coated organic layer being contiguous with the substrate. In response to Applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., contiguous) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). In addition, Applicant argued that the coated organic layer is not directly on or contiguous with the substrate as shown in fig. 1 of Bao. It is also noted that such positioning of layers are not recited in the rejected claim 1. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Applicant argued that Bao's disclosure cannot increase the charge carrier mobility of the organic layer. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. See pg. 1300, right column of Bao's disclosure which explicitly teaches that such charge carrier mobility in the organic layer is increased due to the substrate.

Applicant argued that Bao's disclosure of the organic semiconductor layer is not on the substrate. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. The organic semiconductor layer is arranged on top of the substrate as seen in fig. 1. Therefore, it reads on the claimed limitations of the invention.

Applicant further argued that because the organic semiconductor layer is not directly on the substrate, such charge carrier mobility increase cannot have the claimed properties. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and would like to point out to the Applicant to pg. 1300, right column of Bao's disclosure which explicitly teaches that such charge carrier mobility in the organic layer is increased due to the substrate.

Applicant argues that the combination of Bao and Carey may have no relevance. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. The relevance of Carey is clearly suggested in Note 1 on pg. 8 of the Final Office Action. Bao is missing the explicit disclosure of a commonly used polyester substrate that have biaxially stretched and well-ordered properties. Carey discloses that such commonly used polyester substrate have those properties. Both Bao and Carey discloses TFT on polyester substrates, therefore are believed to be properly combined to teach the missing disclosure.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the Examiner believes that all Applicant's arguments and remarks are addressed. The Examiner has determined that the previous Office Action is still proper based on the above responses. Therefore, the rejections are sustained and maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang-Quan Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-8711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Loke can be reached on 571-272-1657. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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